324 stone work used as doorjambs, door corners, and bases for the pillars of verandas where these rest on the ground.

TILE AND BRICK

339 Tile and brick are little used. Some tile roofs are seen and tiles are sometimes laid over a shake roof when the latter is worn out. Both tile and [317] brick are made from clay occuring near the town. The dry clay is brought to town on burros. The manufacture is carried on in an old chapel, and firing is in a kiln, both located in the church compound. The quality is poor and the demand is small.

MISCELLANEOUS

● 353 439 [338] Adobe-and-masonry walls are commonly finished on the inside and, less frequently, on the outside, with a coat of sand and lime plaster. This material is always imported. So, too, are the pigments used in whitewash or kalsomine finishes employed to decorate plastered walls.

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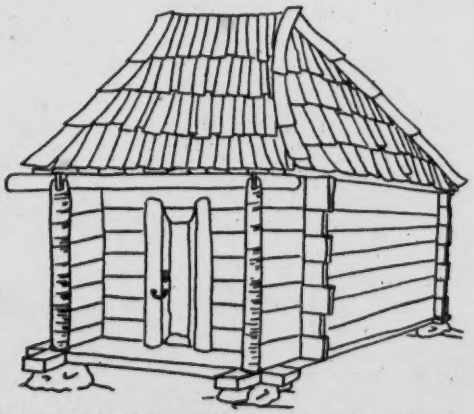

FIGURE 3.—Old "*troje*" in Cherán, said to have been built before the Revolution.

343 335 *la tarima*" (uanájɟukua). The foundation beams are square, from a third to a fourth of a *vara* (about 8 to 10 inches) in cross section, but the crosspiece is thinner by the thickness of the floor boards.

The two longest foundation beams and the

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778 generally has a table against the wall opposite the door upon which is placed the image of a saint, if the family owns or is carring for one. If not, a picture of a saint will be found behind the table on the wall. Usually, a variety of religious [353] pictures are tacked or pasted behind or around [373] the picture or image of the saint. Often candles and a pottery incense burner are on the table; in addition, the table may have a varying number of miscellaneous objects placed there temporarily for safekeeping. The ceiling, especially over the [353] altar table, may be decorated in colored tissue paper and strings of miniature household objects. Several wooden chairs with arms are kept in the

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